TO THE

QUEEN.

MADAM,

AS theſe Volumes contain an Eſſay towards the *Natural Hiſtory* of that Part of YOUR MAJESTY'S Dominions, which is particularly honoured by bearing YOUR AUGUST NAME CAROLINA, this and YOUR great Goodneſs in encouraging all Sorts of Learning, have embolden'd me to implore YOUR *Royal Protection* and *Favour* to my ſlender Performance. I hope YOUR MAJESTY will not think a few Minutes diſagreeably ſpent, in caſting an Eye on theſe Leaves; which exhibit no contemptible Scene of the Glorions Works of the Creator, diſplayed in the New World; and hitherto lain concealed from the View of YOUR MAJESTY as well as of YOUR *Royal Predeceſſors*, tho' ſo long poſſeſſed of a Country, inferior to none of YOUR MAJESTY'S *American* Dominions

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